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TAGS: OVIP (SCHAUFLE, WM)

SUBJECT: FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH KAUNDA

REF: LUSAKA 1750

1. I SAW KAUNDA AGAIN BRIEFLY MORNING OF JULY 10 AFTER MY RETURN FROM GABORONE. PRESIDENTIAL FAMILY IN MOURNING FOR NIECE WHO IS MEMBER HIS HOUSEHOLD AND DIED LAST NIGHT.

2. KAUNDA HAD TALKED TO SWAPO LEADERS WHO MAINTAINED THEIR PREVIOUS CONDITIONS ON JOINING CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE, I.E. RELEASE OF SWAPO MEMBERS WHO ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND OR UNDER RESTRICTION, PRESENT PARTICIPANTS IN CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE COULD CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE ONLY AS MEMBERS OF SA DELEGATION, WITHDRAWAL OF SA TROOPS FROM NAMIBIA TO ASSURE PEACE. SWAPO WAS AGREEABLE TO PARTICIPATION CHURCH GROUPS AND OTHERS OPPOSED TO APARTHEID. KAUNDA UNDER IMPRESSION LATTER INCLUDED NNC WHOSE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES SWAPO AND OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES.

3. I TOLD KAUNDA THAT IF AIM WAS TO ACHIEVE NAMIBIAN SELF-DETERMINATION QUICKLY, MAINTENANCE OF THESE SWAPO CONDITIONS SEEMED DESIGNED TO PREVENT IT. IF WE ARE TO PROCEED SUCCESSFULLY, IT SEEMS ESSENTIAL THAT OLD POSITIONS DEVELOPED FOR PURPOSE OF POLITICAL MANEUVERING BE DISCARDED IN ORDER ACHIEVE PRACTICAL

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RESULTS. KAUNDA NODDED BUT DID NOT COMMENT.

4. I THEN BROUGHT UP AGAIN YOUR POSSIBLE TRAVEL SCENARIO AND HIS RESERVATION ABOUT PROVIDING ADVANCE SUPPORT TO REINFORCE YOUR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE VORSTER TO ACCEPT SOLUTION IN WHICH AFRICAN LEADERS JOINED. I POINTED OUT AGAIN THAT BLACK AFRICAN SUPPORT WOULD DEMONSTRATE THEIR GOOD WILL READINESS TO SUPPORT NEGOTIATIONS. FURTHERMORE THE BURDEN WOULD THEN BE ON SOUTH AFRICA. ALTHOUGH HE WOULD NOT SAY ANYTHING SPECIFIC HE DID ACKNOWLEDGE THESE POINTS.

COMMENT: REGARDING SWAPO POSITION I LAY GREATER IMPORTANCE ON MY TALKS WITH NYERERE ON THIS POINT. IF HE IS CONVINCED THAT OUR PROPOSALS ARE SOLID I BELIEVE BOTH HE, AND EVENTUALLY KAUNDA, WOULD PUT SWAPO UNDER NECESSARY PRESSURE TO NEGOTIATE.

5. MY IMPRESSION IS THAT KAUNDA'S RESERVATION ABOUT ADVANCE SUPPORT, ALREADY WEAKENING, WOULD RAPIDLY DISINTEGRATE IF WE HAVE CONCURRENCE OF OTHERS.
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